

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A device for storing a plurality of protective cases on a holding element, wherein the protective cases each have an insertion opening on one end face for inserting flat information carriers and a second face which rests at least partially on the holding element, and wherein, in an edge area, the holding element has a tab which engages in a recess in said second face of each protective case such that a respective protective case can be pivoted from a storage position into a removal position in which an information carrier can be removed from, or inserted into, said respective protective case.

2. A device according to claim 1, wherein said information carriers are CDs or DVDs.

3. A device according to claim 1, wherein each protective case can be detached from the holding element in the storage position.

4. A device according to claim 1, wherein each protective case can be detached from the holding element in the removal position.

5. A device according to claim 1, wherein the recess is conical and has at least one stop face, which in the removal position contacts a stop face of the tab.

6. A device according to claim 5, wherein the stop face of the tab is substantially perpendicular to the holding element.

7. A device according to claim 1, wherein the recess has an access opening in the second face of each protective case, which is adapted to a shape of the tab, such that the dimensions of the access opening are slightly larger than the dimensions of the tab.

8. A device according to claim 1, wherein a center of mass of the protective cases is arranged relative to a pivoting point of the protective cases such that an automatic pivoting of the protective cases from the removal position or from the storage position is excluded.

9. A device according to claim 1, wherein the center of mass of the protective cases relative to a pivoting point of the protective cases is arranged such that the protective cases automatically pivot into the removal position or the storage position once the center of mass is shifted over an intermediate position between the storage position and the removal position.

10. A device according to claim 1, wherein the tab has a rectangular cross section and extends almost entirely across the width of the holding element.

11. A device according to claim 1, wherein the recess is a through opening.

12. A device according to claim 1, wherein the holding element has a rear wall.

13. A device according to claim 12, wherein the rear wall has a tongue element, and a face of the protective case associated with the rear wall has a correspondingly shaped groove that rests at least partially on said tongue element.

14. A device according to claim 1, wherein the holding element has sidewalls.

15. A device according to claim 1, wherein the holding element has a cover member.

16. A device according to claim 1, wherein the holding element has a rear wall, sidewalls and a cover member.

17. A device according to claim 1, wherein at least one additional holding element can be attached to the holding element using at least one connecting device.

18. A device according to claim 17, wherein the connecting device is arranged in such a way that the holding element can be expanded both horizontally and vertically.

19. A device according to claim 17, wherein the connecting device has at least one groove-shaped recess each in the holding elements to be connected and a connecting element arranged at least in sections inside the respective recess.

20. A device according to claim 19, wherein the connecting element is detachably fixed inside the groove-shaped recess.

21. A device according to claim 19, wherein the connecting element is arranged in the groove-shaped recess in a positive locking manner.

22. A device according to claim 19, wherein the groove-shaped recess has a dovetail profile.

23. A device according to claim 1, wherein further comprising a pivotable flap for covering the insertion opening of each protective case in the storage position.

24. A device according to claim 23, wherein the pivotable flap is hinged to a rear wall.

25. A device according to claim 24, wherein the rear wall has a tongue element, and a face of the protective case associated with the rear wall has a correspondingly shaped groove that rests at least partially on said tongue element.

26. A device according to claim 1, wherein the holding element has a catch, which prevents the pivoting of the protective cases from the storage position into the removal position.

27. A device according to claim 1, wherein the holding element is or the protective cases are at least partially made of a transparent material.

28. A device according to claim 1, wherein the holding element is provided with lighting means.

29. A device according to claim 28, wherein the lighting means includes at least one light source integrated into the cover element.